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SUBJECT: GERMAN NATURAL GAS SEPARATION PLANT TO USSR-
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1. GERMAN DEL PHONED USDEL THIS MORNING AND IN TONE OF URGENCY PRESSED FOR EITHER US VIEWS ON REFCASE A OR IMMEDIATE INDICATION OF PROBLEMS US GOVERNMENT IS HAVING WITH IT. HE EXPLAINED THAT FIRM'S REPRESENTATIVES HAD SCHEDULED MEETING AT FOREIGN AND TRADE MINISTRIES LATE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 18 AND HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PUSHING HIM FOR AT LEAST A STATUS REPORT ON CASE BEFORE THAT TIME ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT INSIST ON A FINAL POSITION IMMEDIATELY. HE ALSO RELAYED HIS AUTHORITIES' GROWING ANGER OVER PROLONGED US SILENCE, NOTING THAT THEY MAY BE FORCED TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION ON THIS CASE SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN BY THE BELGIANS IN REFCASE B.

2. COMMENT: GERMANS ARE NOT INSISTING ON IMMEDIATE US VIEWS BUT ONLY THAT THEY BE INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS HOLDING UP CASE AND WHAT EXPECTATIONS THEY SHOULD ENTERTAIN AS TO ITS EVENTUAL OUTCOME. THE UNCERTAINTY PRODUCED BY PROLONGED US SILENCE IS COSTLY TO THE FIRMS CONCERNED
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AND PRESENTS SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR NATIONAL LICENS-

ING AUTHORITIES. THIS GERMAN DEMARCHE UNDERSCORES THE GROWING IMPATIENCE ALL OUR COCOM PARTNERS HAVE EXPRESSED WITH US FAILURE IN TOO MANY CASES TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THEIR EXCEPTION REQUESTS. IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THE DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING THE USDEL INFORMED ON THE INTERAGENCY PROGRESS OF SUCH DIFFICULT CASES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US VIEWS OR INDICATIONS OF PROBLEMS AGENCY EXPERTS ARE HAVING WITH CASE PREFERABLY IN INFORM OF QUESTIONS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO BE RECEIVED HERE OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 18 IN TIME FOR RELAY TO GERMAN DEL AND HIS AUTHORITIES BEFORE SCHEDULED MEETING BETWEEN EXPORTER AND GERMAN OFFICIALS.
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